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A Message from the Director: Staying on Target

~~(U//AIUO)~~ Events in Great Britain since last Friday serve as a reminder—if we ever needed one—that this remains a dangerous world and that our work in defending America is as important as ever.

~~(U//AIUO)~~ Even as we deal with the current threat, it is hard not to notice the growing debates on both sides of the Atlantic about certain aspects of the war on terrorism: Guantanamo, habeas corpus, detentions, renditions, electronic surveillance, etc. For us, though, the choices are pretty clear: We will use *allof* our lawful authorities to defend America and her friends.

~~(U//AIUO)~~ Some say elements of the current debate reflect the thinking of a pre-9/11 world. Don't worry about that. Keep your eye on our objective. For all of us at CIA, today's date is clear: It's always September 12th.

Mike Hayden

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